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HOUSE BILL 351

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; INCREASING FINES FOR VIOLATION OF
DRIVING BELOW THE SAFE MINIMUM SPEED PURSUANT TO THE MOTOR
VEHICLE CODE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 66-8-116 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 35, Section 524, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-8-116. PENALTY ASSESSMENT MISDEMEANORS--
DEFINITION--SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS.--

A. As used in the Motor Vehicle Code, "penalty
assessment misdemeanor" means violation of any of the following
listed sections of the NMSA 1978 for which, except as provided
in Subsection D of this section, the listed penalty assessment
is established:

COMMON NAME OF OFFENSE	SECTION VIOLATED	PENALTY
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		ASSESSMENT
1		
2	Permitting unlicensed	
3	minor to drive	66- 5- 40 \$ 10. 00
4	Failure to obey sign	66- 7- 104 10. 00
5	Failure to obey signal	66- 7- 105 10. 00
6	Speeding	66- 7- 301
7	(1) up to	
8	and including ten	
9	miles an hour	
10	over the speed limit	15. 00
11	(2) from eleven up to	
12	and including fifteen	
13	miles an hour	
14	over the speed limit	30. 00
15	(3) from sixteen up to	
16	and including twenty	
17	miles an hour over the	
18	speed limit	65. 00
19	(4) from twenty-one up to	
20	and including twenty-five	
21	miles an hour	
22	over the speed limit	100. 00
23	(5) from twenty-six up to	
24	and including thirty	
25	miles an hour over the	

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1	speed limit		125.00
2	(6) from thirty-one up to		
3	and including thirty-five		
4	miles an hour over the		
5	speed limit		150.00
6	(7) more than thirty-five		
7	miles an hour over the		
8	speed limit		200.00
9	Unfastened safety belt	66- 7- 372	25.00
10	Child not in restraint device		
11	or seat belt	66- 7- 369	25.00
12	Minimum speed	66- 7- 305	[10.00] <u>25.00</u>
13	Speeding	66- 7- 306	15.00
14	Improper starting	66- 7- 324	10.00
15	Improper backing	66- 7- 354	10.00
16	Improper lane	66- 7- 308	10.00
17	Improper lane	66- 7- 313	10.00
18	Improper lane	66- 7- 316	10.00
19	Improper lane	66- 7- 317	10.00
20	Improper lane	66- 7- 319	10.00
21	Improper passing	66- 7- 309 through 66- 7- 312	10.00
22	Improper passing	66- 7- 315	10.00
23	Controlled access		
24	violation	66- 7- 320	10.00
25	Controlled access		

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1	violation	66- 7- 321	10. 00
2	Improper turning	66- 7- 322	10. 00
3	Improper turning	66- 7- 323	10. 00
4	Improper turning	66- 7- 325	10. 00
5	Following too closely	66- 7- 318	10. 00
6	Failure to yield	66- 7- 328 through 66- 7- 332	10. 00
7	Failure to yield	66- 7- 332. 1	25. 00
8	Pedestrian violation	66- 7- 333	10. 00
9	Pedestrian violation	66- 7- 340	10. 00
10	Failure to stop	66- 7- 341 through 66- 7- 346	10. 00
11	Passing school bus	66- 7- 347	100. 00
12	Failure to signal	66- 7- 325 through 66- 7- 327	10. 00
13	Failure to secure load	66- 7- 407	100. 00
14	Operation without oversize-		
15	overweight permit	66- 7- 413	50. 00
16	Improper equipment	66- 3- 801	10. 00
17	Improper equipment	66- 3- 901	20. 00
18	Improper emergency		
19	signal	66- 3- 853 through 66- 3- 857	10. 00
20	Operation interference	66- 7- 357	5. 00
21	Littering	66- 7- 364	300. 00
22	Improper parking	66- 7- 349 through 66- 7- 352	
23		and 66- 7- 353	5. 00
24	Improper parking	66- 7- 352. 5	50. 00
25	Improper parking	66- 3- 852	5. 00

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1	Failure to dim lights	66-3-831	10.00
2	Riding in or towing		
3	occupied house trailer	66-7-366	5.00
4	Improper opening of doors	66-7-367	5.00
5	No slow-moving vehicle		
6	emblem or flashing		
7	amber light	66-3-887	5.00
8	Open container - first		
9	violation	66-8-138	25.00.

10 B. The term "penalty assessment misdemeanor" does not
11 include a violation that has caused or contributed to the cause
12 of an accident resulting in injury or death to a person.

13 C. When an alleged violator of a penalty assessment
14 misdemeanor elects to accept a notice to appear in lieu of a
15 notice of penalty assessment, [no] a fine imposed upon later
16 conviction shall not exceed the penalty assessment established
17 for the particular penalty assessment misdemeanor and [no]
18 probation imposed upon a suspended or deferred sentence shall
19 not exceed ninety days.

20 D. The penalty assessment for speeding in violation
21 of Paragraph (4) of Subsection A of Section 66-7-301 NMSA 1978
22 is twice the penalty assessment established in Subsection A of
23 this section for the equivalent miles per hour over the speed
24 limit. "

25 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the

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1 provisions of this act is July 1, 2003.

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